tion Cell in each Ministry at the earliest ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government has decided to designate an office not below the rank of a Director as a one-man Export Promotion Desk/Cell in each Ministry/Department to look into and follow-up all complaints/grievances/problems/suggestions relating to exports.

COMMITTEE FOR MONITORING IMPLEMENTATION OF 15 POINT PROGRAMME

2359. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL ALIAS MEEM AFZAL : Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any committee in Commerce Ministry for monitoring implementation of the 15 point programme for the welfare of the minorities ; and

(b) if so, what are the details with regards to such committee in the Ministry and the number of persons who have been provided with employment during the last three years under this programme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

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2360. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL ALIAS MEEM AFZAL : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state what is the value and weight of Newsprint imported from foreign countries during the period 1991-92 and 1992-93 and 1993-94 ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : The quantity and value of Newsprint imported during 1991-92, 1992-93 and April-September 93, the latest period for which such data are available during 1993-94, are given below :

	1991–92	1992–93	1993–94 April—(September)
Quantity ('000 M. Tons)	229	243	109
Value Rs. Crores	343	357	159
US$ Million	139	123	51

EXPORT OF WHEAT

2361. SHRI AHMED MOHMEDBHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken a final decision for export of wheat ;

(b) if so, what is the total super wheat that will be exported;

(c) what is the price on which this will be sold ; and

(d) what is the total wheat sold by FCI during October and November, 1993 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) to (c) Government has decided to allow export of superior variety of wheat i.e. Durum Wheat known as Sirohi, Sharbati subject to minimum export price of US $ 160 per M.T. and a quantitative ceiling of 3 lakh MTs during 1993-94.

(d) The export of superior variety of wheat is to be made from the open market and not from the Government stocks being held by the Food Corporation of India.